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1. ACCORDING TO AN FRG ECONOMICS MINISTRY TRADE POLICY
OFFICIAL, THE MARCH 28 DISCUSSION OF MFA RENEWAL BY THE
EC TEXTILE EXPERTS WAS A DISHEARTENING AFFAIR. THIS
TIME IT WAS THE TURN OF THE ITALIANS, AND ESPECIALLY
THE DUTCH, TO TAKE THE LEAD IN INSISTING ON OPENING
THE MFA TO RENEGOTIATION. IN FRG OFFICIAL'S VIEW,
THE DUTCH POSITION WAS BASED ENTIRELY ON DOMESTIC
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CONSIDERATIONS, WITH NO ACCOUNT BEING TAKEN OF THE
IMPLICATIONS FOR THE DUTCH POSITION IN THE NORTH/SOUTH
DIALOGUE. HE SUGGESTED THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIONS IN
THE HAGUE MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE AT THIS POINT.

2. THE FRENCH FOR THEIR PART MOVED BACK FROM THEIR
PREVIOUS INSISTENCE ON THE INTRODUCTION OF GLOBALIZA-

TION. WHILE THEY DISCUSSED THE NEED TO DEAL WITH THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF QUOTA INCREASES, THE FRENCH LEFT THE METHOD IN THE DARK. IN BILATERAL CONTACTS, THE FRG REPS INFORMED THE FRENCH THAT THE FRG COULD ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE THE NEED FOR SOME MECHANISM TO DEAL WITH THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT AS PART OF AN OVERALL AGREEMENT ON EC POLICY TOWARDS MFA RENEWAL.

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